



Ethel Marie Smith

June 16, 1944 - March 10, 2025

Ethel Marie Smith, 80, passed away on March 10, 2025, in Coon Rapids, Minnesota.

Born on June 16, 1944, in Chisholm, Minnesota, Ethel dedicated her life to education and family. She was a devoted Montessori teacher for 45 years and owned her own Montessori school for most of that time. Teaching was not just a profession for Ethel - it was a calling. She found immense joy in working with children and shaping young minds. Even after retiring, she continued to share her passion by working part-time at Way of the Shepherd Montessori School, where her grandchildren attend.

Ethel's faith was central to her life. A practicing Catholic with a deep and unwavering belief, she was actively involved in her church community. Her faith guided her actions and shaped the kindness and love she extended to those around her.

She had many interests that brought her happiness, including gardening, watching Twins baseball, Vikings football, and watching movies. She especially loved cheering on her son Javin when he played baseball. Above all else, Ethel cherished time spent with her family. She was a loving mother and grandmother who found great joy in being present for the lives of those she held dear.

Ethel is survived by her son Javin Smith, daughter-in-law Maria (Christensen) Smith, grandchildren Xavier Smith and Genevieve Smith, siblings Marilyn Smith, Betty Pulis, Jan Smith, Josephine Voelker, and Dolores Rivard; as well as many friends and former students whose lives she touched through teaching. She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Hortense Smith.

Ethel's warmth, generosity, and unwavering love will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Visitation is on Tuesday, March 25th at 9:30am with funeral mass to follow at 10:30am at Epiphany Church in Coon Rapids.

In lieu of flowers, we would be grateful for donations to help cover the costs of Ethel's funeral. You can donate here: <https://gofund.me/2926a1e8>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 25. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Church of the Epiphany (Coon Rapids)
11001 Hanson Boulevard Northwest
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 25. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Mrs Smith was my Montessori teacher. I have so many fond memories of her reading us Little House on the Prairie after lunch. That was 40+ years ago! I really enjoyed her as a teacher.*

Janae Brill - April 04, 2025 at 08:22 PM

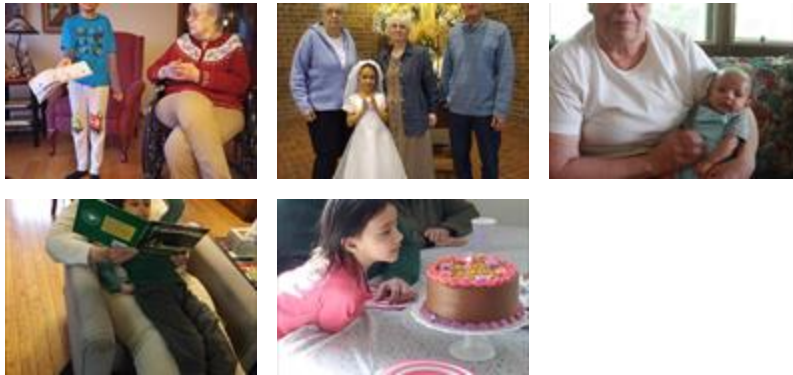
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“ *Our sincere condolences to Ethel's whole family. Ms. Smith (Mit Mit, as our youngest, Isaac, called her in his early years as a 2-year-old at Morning Star), has been such a blessing in our lives. We always knew she genuinely cared for and loved our two boys in their time with her and beyond. We're so grateful to that our paths crossed. She certainly made a difference in the lives of many. Blessings to Ethel and her family. ~The Johnson Family (Heidi, Scott, Avery, and Isaac)*

Heidi Johnson - March 18, 2025 at 10:47 AM

JS

“ *7 files added to the album Ethel*



Javin Smith - March 17, 2025 at 06:02 PM

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“ On behalf of the DeLaSalle community, we would like to send our deepest condolences to all who knew and loved Ethel. May you find comfort in your family, friends and faith.

DeLaSalle High School - March 17, 2025 at 01:44 PM